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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane, HF-1  
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Genetically engineered foods

Dear Commissioner Henney:

As a citizen who is deeply concerned about protecting human health, preserving biodiversity, and acting with caution in regard to new technologies which truly could cause irreversible and unthinkably harmful damage, I am writing to urge you to promote complete and prominent labeling of genetically altered foods.

I believe I have the right as a concerned consumer to know if food I buy is genetically altered. I buy organic produce and am a serious label-reader! But no labels tell me what products have been genetically altered. We are way behind other countries in recognizing the serious threat this technology represents. What is going on?

I've read that a lawsuit has been filed challenging the FDA's policy not to require labels on altered foods. Obviously, I am writing to support the demands of this lawsuit. These are potentially dangerous foods which have not been thoroughly tested. The FDA has been such a leader in requiring thorough, helpful labeling on foods. I hope I will soon hear you are acting on behalf of citizens and also requiring information on labels about this extremely important "hidden ingredient."

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

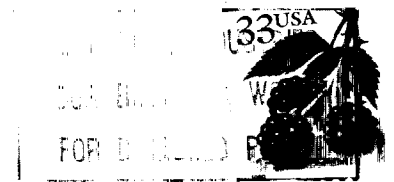
Sincerely,

  
Jane Van Dusen

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